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### **BOARD MOTION OF DECEMBER 15, 2009 HOLLYWOOD BOWL PARK-AND-RIDE PROGRAM USE OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS**

On December 15, 2009, the Board approved the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride program motion that directed the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Public Works to report annually on the feasibility of mandating that an increasing percentage of Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride buses use alternative fuels starting in 2011.

For 2014, approximately 44 percent of the private charter buses contracted for the program were alternative fuel vehicles. It is currently not feasible to mandate an increasing percentage of alternative fuel buses due to Federal Transit Administration rules regarding charter bus services. The rules restrict public transit agencies, which have the largest fleet of alternate fuel buses from providing charter service unless the supply of private charter companies is exhausted. For 2014, there was sufficient supply of private charter companies to fulfill the service needs.

Each year more alternative fuel buses become available in the marketplace as public transit agencies retire their older vehicles. As the availability of alternative fuel buses rises and private charter companies incorporate them into their fleets, we can expect an increase in the use of alternate fuel buses for the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride program.

Additionally, Public Works verifies annually that private charter companies continually progress toward the lower emission standards of the California Air Resources Board (CARB). CARB has developed compliance tools for use by private charter companies to meet emission reduction requirements. Public Works requires all bidders and contractors for the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride program to submit certification of compliance with CARB standards. For the 2014 season, all contractors were in compliance.

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